Reviewer's report

Title: Failure or success of search strategies to identify adverse effects of medical devices: a case study systematic review

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Minor Essential Revision:
1. Inaccurate citation for Citation #5 - Poster Presentation by CADTH authors. See:
   Farrah K, Mierzwinski-Urban M, Cimon K. Playing it safe: validating search filters for adverse events. Poster presented at: 2013 Annual Meeting and Exhibition of the Medical Library Association Add to My Files (MLA ’13), the 11th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML), the 7th International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists (ICAHIS), and the 6th International Clinical Librarian Conference (ICLC). One Health: Information in an Interdependent World; 2013 May 3-8; Boston, MA
   http://www.cadth.ca/media/is/MLA-Poster_Kelly.pdf

2. Minor typo in abstract - Embase should be Embase

Discretionary Revisions:
1. Consider providing a quality rating of the selected systematic review using e.g., AMSTAR - as testimony to its high quality.

2. Consider providing more explanation as to why only two facets/concepts were used in case study systematic review search - this is alluded to elsewhere but perhaps indicate that no research design filters or any limitations were placed on the search (and why)

3. Consider incorporating "feasibility study" as part of the title

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests